
NORTH DAKOTA

North Dakota Council on Abused Women's Services

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Coalition Type

Domestic violence/Sexual assault

Year Formed

1978

Year Incorporated

1981

Staff

6 full-time-equivalent staff members

Fiscal Year

January 1995 - January 1996

North Dakota Council on Abused Women's Services

Member Programs and Services

In fiscal year 1995-96, 19 programs operated in the state of North Dakota. All 19 were members of the North Dakota Council on Abused Women's Services, and all 19 provided both domestic violence and sexual assault services. Exhibit 1 displays the number of member programs that offered various domestic violence services.

Only a few of the 19 programs included special components for certain populations. Those that did offered services for children, Native Americans, and those with disabilities. The majority of member programs spent most of their efforts on services related to domestic violence. Only two member programs devoted more than 20 percent of their time to sexual assault services.

**Exhibit 1. Number of coalition member programs (N=19)
offering various domestic violence services**

<u>Number of programs</u>	<u>Service</u>
5	Independently run domestic violence hotline
9	On-site shelter for abused women and their children
16	Support group for women
18	Legal advocacy program
17	Medical advocacy program
6	Specific support program for sheltered children
9	Services for non-sheltered children
18	Education programs in elementary schools or high schools
15	Education programs in colleges or universities
19	Community education/speakers bureau
19	Training for professionals (e.g., police, court personnel, social workers)
4	Transitional/second-stage housing
3	Treatment/rehabilitation program for batterers
1	Other services (<i>support for parents of children who witnessed acts of domestic violence</i>)

Exhibit 2 displays the number of member programs that offered various sexual assault services in North Dakota for fiscal year 1995-96. All 19 programs offered legal and medical advocacy programs, as well as accompaniment and advocacy services for adults and children. In addition, all member programs provided one-one-one counseling for victims of sexual assault.

**Exhibit 2. Number of coalition member programs (N=19)
offering various sexual assault services**

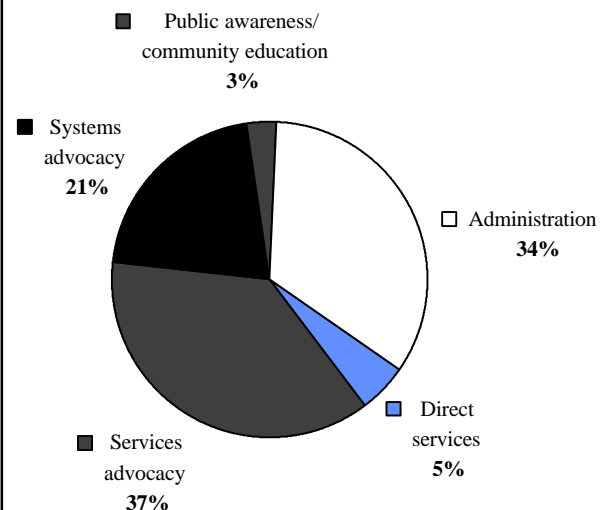
Number of programs	Service
4	Independently run sexual assault hotline
19	One-on-one counseling
6	Support group for adult women
2	Support group for teenage girls
19	Support group for male victims
1	Support group for adult survivors of child sexual abuse
1	Secondary support group for spouses/partners of victims
0	Secondary support group for parents of victims
19	Adult accompaniment and advocacy services
19	Child accompaniment and advocacy services
19	Legal advocacy program
19	Medical advocacy program
18	Prevention/risk reduction programs in preschool, elementary, middle, or high school
16	Education programs in colleges or universities
19	Community education/speakers bureau
18	Training for professionals (e.g., police, court personnel, social workers)
18	Technical assistance
0	Treatment/rehabilitation for sexual offenders
1	Other services (<i>support group for friends and families of murder victims</i>)

Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault Coalition Operations

When estimating the percentage of effort spent among various *domestic violence-related* operations, the council reported that almost three-fourths of its efforts were divided among two areas: administrative efforts and services advocacy. Figure 1 displays the percentage of effort devoted by the North Dakota Council on Abused Women's Services to various types of domestic violence operations.

In estimating the percentage of effort spent on various *sexual assault-related* operations, the council reported that it spent 100 percent of its efforts on services advocacy. This included work to support the growth and development of community-based sexual assault programs in North Dakota via the provision of training and technical assistance to those delivering direct services to victims.

Figure 1. Percentage of effort allocated at the domestic violence/sexual assault coalition level among various *domestic violence-related* operations



Special Projects of the Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault Coalition

The North Dakota Council on Abused Women's Services identified three special projects undertaken during fiscal year 1995-96 to enhance prevention of and response to domestic violence and sexual assault. Those projects are further described below.

Campus Violence Project

Description: The Campus Violence Project is a public and peer education project conducted at colleges and universities.

Purpose: Public awareness/community education

Funding source: Nongovernmental funding

Nurturing Parent Program Statewide Network

Description: The Nurturing Parent Program Statewide Network is a parent/child education program.

Purpose: Public awareness/community education

Funding source: State funding

Court Systems Monitoring Project

Description: The Court Systems Monitoring Project is a court watch and data collection project that exist throughout North Dakota.

Purpose: Systems advocacy

Funding Source: Nongovernmental funding

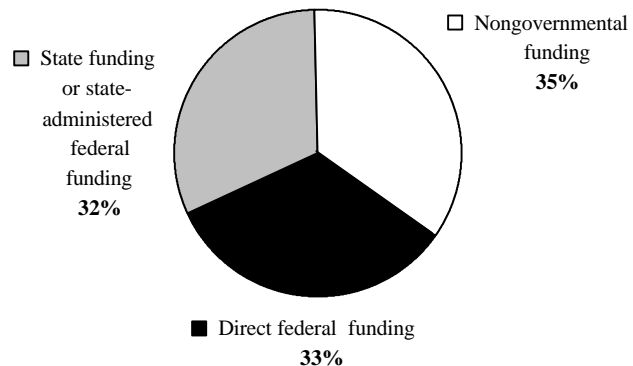
Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault Coalition Funding

The North Dakota Council on Abused Women's Services was able to report separately on funding received for domestic violence services and sexual assault services. Therefore, the funding section of this state's report will list domestic violence funding sources first, followed by sexual assault sources.

Domestic Violence

In total, the council received funding for domestic violence services that fell within the third quartile of all funding reported by state domestic violence coalitions in this inventory (\$175,001-\$425,000). As figure 2 shows, relatively equal percentages of funding were administered by the federal government, the state government, and nongovernmental sources. Almost all of the monies received for domestic

Figure 2. Funding sources and percentage of funds for domestic violence services: North Dakota Council on Abused Women's Services



violence purposes were spent to support the work of the council, including office administration, operating expenses, and costs for special projects. A small percentage of funding was retained by the council for future expenditures.

Sexual Assault

For sexual assault services, the council received funding that fell within the first quartile of all funding reported by state sexual assault coalitions in this inventory (\$7,000 or less). The North Dakota state government administered 100 percent of this funding, all of which was spent to support the office administration, operating expenses, and costs of special projects conducted by the council.

Federal and State Funding

Domestic Violence

All of the federal funding distributed to the North Dakota Council on Abused Women's Services for domestic violence services came from the Family Violence Prevention and Services Act state coalition grant.

The state government funding came from two grants: a state formula grant under the Family Violence Prevention and Services Act (FVPSA) and a Preventive Health Block Grant. In addition, state funding was also provided by four other sources (exhibit 3). These included the Children's Trust Fund, a community education project, Parents Anonymous, and the Department of Transportation.

Exhibit 3. Sources of government funding for domestic violence services reported by the North Dakota Council on Abused Women's Services	
<u>Direct federal funding</u>	<u>State funding or state-administered federal funding</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Family Violence Prevention and Services Act (FVPSA) state coalition grant 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Family Violence Prevention and Services Act (FVPSA) state formula grant Preventive Health Block Grant Children's Trust Fund Community Education Project Parents Anonymous and the Department of Transportation

Sexual Assault

As exhibit 4 shows, all of the funding provided to the North Dakota Council on Abused Women's Services for sexual assault came from a state-administered Preventive Health Block Grant.

Exhibit 4. Sources of government funding for sexual assault services reported by the North Dakota Council on Abused Women's Services	
<u>Direct federal funding</u>	<u>State funding or state-administered federal funding</u>
None	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preventive Health Block Grant

Nongovernmental Funding Sources

Domestic Violence

Nongovernmental funding provided 35 percent of the council's total domestic violence funding for fiscal year 1995-96. Exhibit 5 displays the sources of nongovernmental funding in North Dakota. Almost two-thirds of this funding came from foundation or corporate grants such as Kids Count and the American Association of University Women. The remaining one-third of funding was provided by three sources: private donations, local program dues, and other sources. Other nongovernmental sources listed in exhibit 5 encompassed fundraising efforts, special projects, certification fees, sales rentals, book royalties, reimbursements, and bank interest.

Exhibit 5. Sources of nongovernmental funding* reported by the North Dakota Council on Abused Women's Services	
<u>Source</u>	<u>Percentage of nongovernmental funding</u>
Foundation or corporate grants	64%
Private donations	16%
Local program dues	8%
Other nongovernmental sources	12%

*Nongovernmental funding was 35% of total funding.

Sexual Assault

The North Dakota Council on Abused Women's Services did not receive nongovernmental funding for sexual assault services.

North Dakota State Government Agencies

Four state agencies provided funding for domestic violence and sexual assault services in North Dakota. Three of the agencies reported their services and funding sources for fiscal year July 1994-June 1995, while the other agency reported for fiscal year January 1995-December 1995.

**Attorney General's Office,
Bureau of Criminal Investigation**

Fiscal year: January 1995 - December 1995

The Attorney General's Office distributed a total of \$173,000 for the reported fiscal year. The federal Edward Byrne Memorial Fund provided 94 percent of the funds distributed by the office. The remaining 6 percent came from North Dakota's state tax revenues/general fund. Through its Bureau of Criminal Investigation, the office administered more than three-fourths of its funding to local domestic violence or sexual assault programs. The remainder was allocated to other state government agencies.

**North Dakota Department of Health,
Maternal and Child Health**

Fiscal year: July 1994 - June 1995

The Office of Maternal and Child Health administered approximately \$429,000 in funding for fiscal year 1994-95. Over 95 percent of this money was distributed for domestic violence services and was given directly to local domestic violence programs and to the North Dakota Council on Abused Women's Services. Federal funding for domestic violence was provided by the Family Violence Prevention and Services Act and a Maternal and Child Health Grant.

All of the money that was distributed for sexual assault purposes came from a federal Preventive Health Block Grant and was given directly to local sexual assault programs.

**Office of Management and Budget,
Office of Intergovernmental Assistance**

Fiscal year: July 1994 - June 1995

The Office of Intergovernmental Assistance distributed approximately \$136,000 in federal Emergency Shelter Grants Program funds for fiscal year 1994-95. All of this money was given to local government agencies that provided domestic violence and/or sexual assault services.

Parole and Probation Office

Fiscal year: July 1994 - June 1995

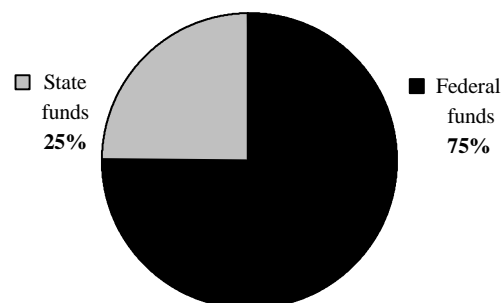
The Parole and Probation Office issued \$467,000 for both domestic violence and sexual assault purposes. Almost four-fifths of this funding was received from the federal Victims of Crime Act (VOCA). The remainder was apportioned from the tax revenues/general fund from the North Dakota state government.

The office disbursed its funding to three different agencies or programs. Local domestic violence and sexual assault programs received almost 90 percent of the total funding. Local government agencies received about 10 percent, and local nonprofit/nongovernmental agencies received approximately 1 percent of the Parole and Probation Office's funding.

**Federal and State Funding Reported
by North Dakota State Government
Agencies**

Figure 3 and exhibit 6 depict the funding received from both federal and state sources. Approximately

Figure 3. Percentage of federal and state funds for domestic violence and sexual assault services and prevention administered by North Dakota state agencies



three-fourths of the funding received by the four North Dakota state government agencies came from federal sources.

Approximately two-thirds of the federal funding received by North Dakota state agencies came from the Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) and the Family Violence Prevention and Services Act (FVPSA) state formula grant. The remaining federal funding came from sources such as a Preventive Health Block Grant, an Edward Byrne Grant, the Emergency Shelter Grants Program, and a Maternal and Child Health Grant (exhibit 7). Similar amounts of state funding came from two sources: tax revenues/general fund and special fees or surcharges levied by the state.

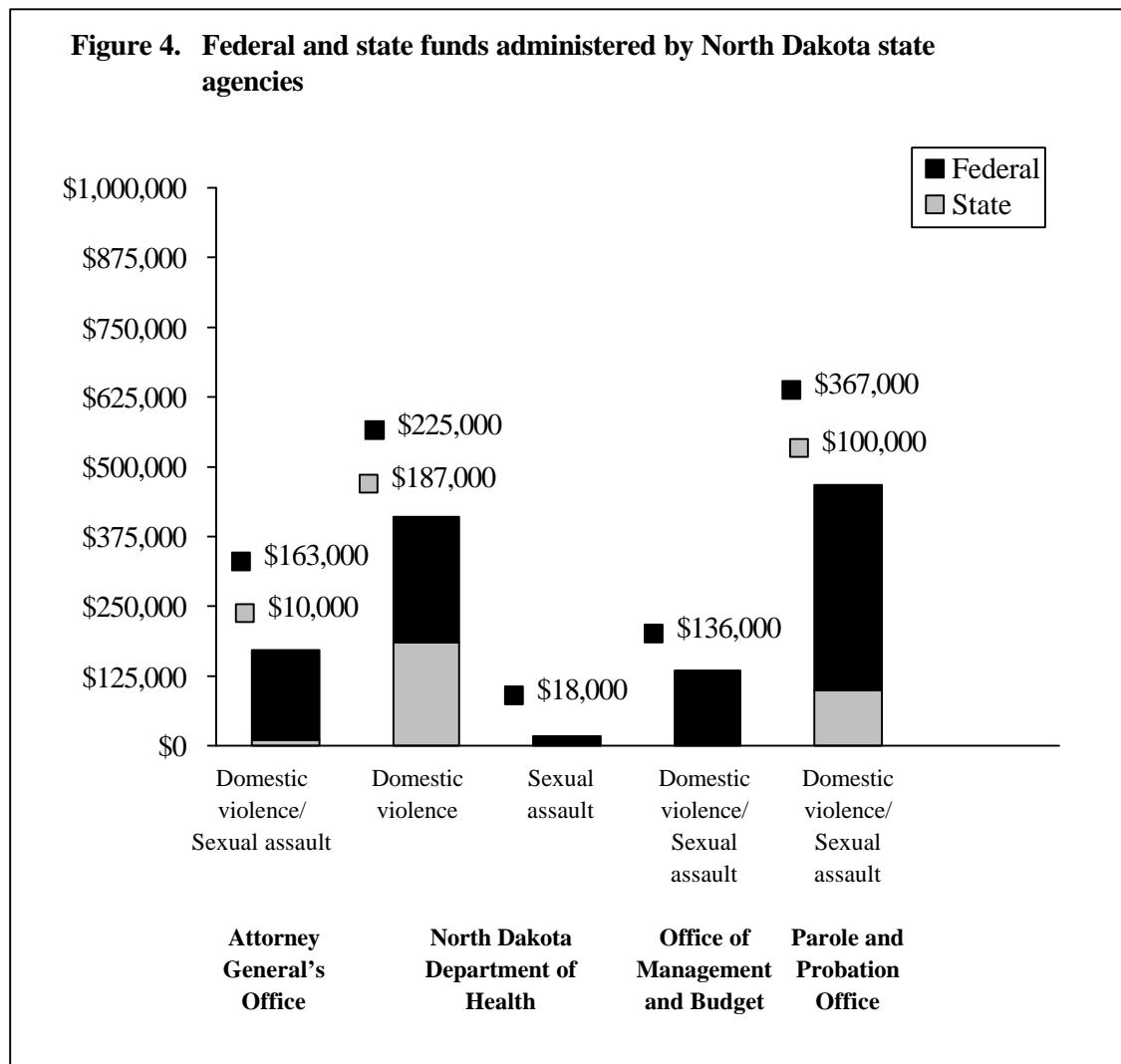
Exhibit 6. Federal and state funding totals reported by North Dakota state agencies

Federal	\$908,000
State	\$297,000
Total	\$1,205,000

Exhibit 7. Sources of government funding reported by North Dakota state agencies

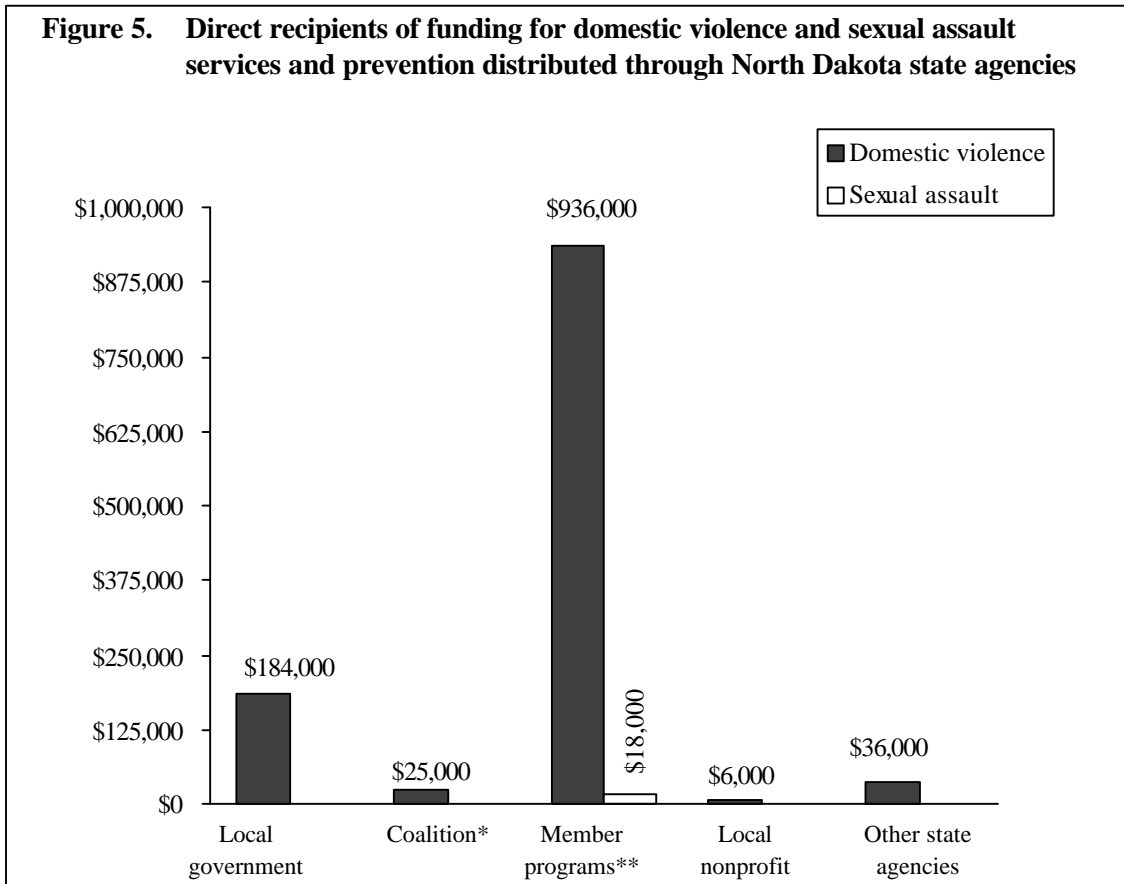
<u>Federal funds</u>	<u>State funds</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) - \$367,000 • Family Violence Prevention and Services Act (FVPSA) state formula grant - \$200,000 • Preventive Health Block Grant - \$17,000 • Edward Byrne Grant - \$163,000 • Emergency Shelter Grant - \$136,000 • Maternal and Child Health Grant - \$25,000 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tax revenues/general fund - \$155,000 • Special fee or surcharge - \$142,000

Figure 4 depicts the amounts of federal and state funds administered by North Dakota state agencies. Only one agency, the North Dakota Department of Health, could report separately for funds it administered for domestic violence versus sexual assault. Thus, the amounts shown for other agencies in figure 4 represent funds disbursed for both services. Each agency's funding is divided, however, according to the amount of federal or state funds it administered.



Distribution of State-Administered Funds

Figure 5 depicts the amount of monies secured by various recipients that provided services for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault in North Dakota. When considering the funding picture below, bear in mind that only one of the four state agencies that distributed funding could report separately for domestic violence and sexual assault funds. Therefore, an unknown portion of the funds shown as domestic violence funds in figure 7 also likely served survivors of sexual assault. The one agency that did report separately was the North Dakota Department of Health. This agency allocated \$25,000 to the state coalition for domestic violence purposes, \$387,000 to local domestic violence programs, and \$18,000 to local sexual assault programs.



*The money given to the state coalition was for domestic violence purposes only.

**Included are 10 programs that are not members of the North Dakota Council on Abused Women's services.

Local Programs and Services Funded Through State Agencies

The four state agencies in North Dakota distributed funds to at least 29 local domestic violence and sexual assault programs. Of those, only 9 did not belong to the state coalition. These 9 non-member programs received funding from the Parole and Probation Office. Information on the types of services offered by these non-member programs was provided by 6 of the 9 programs; the others did not respond to inquiries.

All six programs offered both domestic violence and sexual assault services and programs. Exhibit 8 displays the number of those programs that provided various domestic violence services. The one service provided by all six programs was community education/speakers bureau.

**Exhibit 8. Number of local programs (N=6)
offering various domestic violence services**

<u>Number of programs</u>	<u>Service</u>
1	Independently run domestic violence hotline
0	On-site shelter for abused women and their children
2	Support group for women
5	Legal advocacy program
0	Medical advocacy program
0	Specific support program for sheltered children
3	Services for non-sheltered children
3	Education programs in elementary schools or high schools
2	Education programs in colleges or universities
6	Community education/speakers bureau
5	Training for professionals (e.g., police, court personnel, social workers)
0	Transitional/second-stage housing
1	Treatment/rehabilitation program for batterers
5	Other services (<i>assist victims through the criminal justice process, counseling for all crime victims, one-on-one counseling</i>)

Of the six programs that provided both domestic violence and sexual assault services, only two provided responses as to the types of sexual assault services they offered. The specific types of services offered by those two programs are outlined in exhibit 9.

**Exhibit 9. Number of local programs (N=2)
offering various sexual assault services**

<u>Number of programs</u>	<u>Service</u>
1	Independently run sexual assault hotline
2	One-on-one counseling
2	Support group for adult women
1	Support group for teenage girls
0	Support group for male victims
0	Support group for adult survivors of child sexual abuse
0	Secondary support group for spouses/partners of victims
0	Secondary support group for parents of victims
1	Adult accompaniment and advocacy services
1	Child accompaniment and advocacy services
1	Legal advocacy program
1	Medical advocacy program
2	Prevention/risk reduction programs in preschool, elementary, middle, or high school
1	Education programs in colleges or universities
2	Community education/speakers bureau
2	Training for professionals (e.g., police, court personnel, social workers)
2	Technical assistance
0	Treatment/rehabilitation for sexual offenders
1	Other services (<i>"friends and families of murder victims" support group</i>)